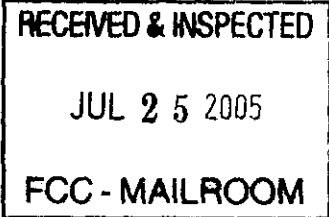


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Dr. Charles Q. Lindsey, Superintendent



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Request for Waiver

This letter is to respectfully request consideration of a waiver of the deployment deadline for services purchased with Funding Year 2001 E-rate funds pursuant to Application **230649** (issued February 8, 2002 for network electronics and materials) and Application **242398** (issued March 12, 2004 for the labor for installation of the electronics and materials). We request that the deadline for this deployment be extended to December 31, 2005 due to extenuating circumstances as cited by the Internal Audit Division in their inventory audit performed in March 2005.

Knox County Schools concurs with the findings referenced on the Detail Exception Worksheet #1. While we recognize that the Internal Audit Division has recommended that the deadline be extended to September 30, 2005, we are requesting consideration for a further extension to the end of the calendar year due to delays in the application funding approvals that were beyond the control of district personnel. We feel that this timeframe will more adequately allow our staff and the affected contractors to complete the associated work in the proper manner.

We recognize and agree that every effort should be taken to protect the integrity of E-rate funding. We are working to achieve completion of the Funding Year 2001 work as soon as possible and have taken additional steps to insure prompt completion. To that end, Knox County has elected to cancel and reissue purchase orders for installation labor and will use the BEAR process instead of the SPI process in an attempt to encourage contractors to complete work promptly.

At the end of the waiver period, if granted, we will expect and welcome a follow-up visit from the Internal Audit Division to assure the SLD that all services have been delivered to our campuses as proposed. We hope that our request for a waiver of the deployment deadline will be considered favorably in light of the circumstances that lead to the installation delays. Please do not hesitate to call us should you need additional information or documentation. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss our efforts with USAC staff. We look forward to your continued communication and guidance to enhance and refine this important program for our nation's schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Q. Lindsey".

Dr. Charles Q. Lindsey
Superintendent, Knox County Schools

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